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RAFFLE TICKETS

this is what to do:

We know that many people are anxious with financial worries, and of course, there is **no obligation** to buy the tickets.

The Raffle is a large feature in the **Church Village Fete**, which will be held on **Saturday 2nd September at 2pm** at the Village Hall. The winning tickets will be drawn at 4pm.

If you are able to help us,
2 books of raffle tickets, with 5 tickets per book, (or just £1 per ticket if you want fewer) have been delivered to you, stapled to the front cover of this copy of the Assington News.

As in previous years, appointed village volunteers will call during the following two weeks, and if you are interested, collect your raffle stubs with your name and telephone number written on, and money.

Alternative payment methods for your contributions have been set up as follows:

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or, the door at

‘Cornerways’, The Street, Assington

or

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2nd September

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Bric a Brac

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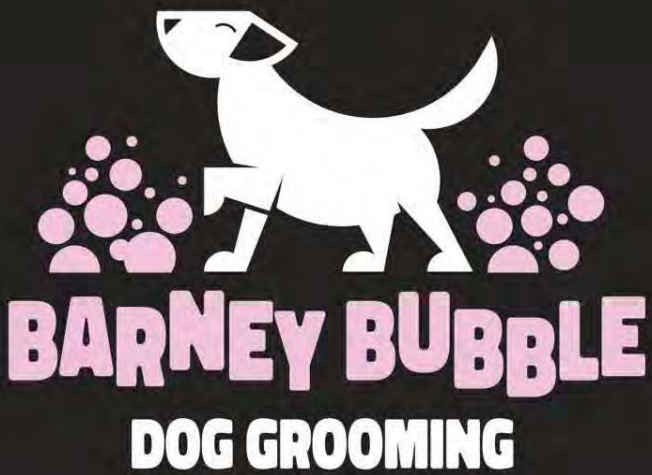
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A VISIT TO RANWORTH BROAD

By Jeff Stacey

Ranworth Broad is close to Wroxham in the Norfolk Broads, but far enough away to be so much quieter and a better place to visit.

On the edge of the village of Ranworth is its church, St Helen's, standing on the top of a small hill, which is a rarity in Norfolk but giving good views over the surrounding countryside, especially if you climb to the top of the tower. There are warning signs at the entrance to the tower about the 87 uneven steps and the two ladders to reach the roof. Not being one to ignore a challenge I can add a heavy trap door and a very low safety rail to the hazards. However, the view is well worth the effort. The warning signs also hint at the church being locked up with someone still being up the tower, so perhaps better to visit earlier in the day.



Beyond the excitement of the tower the church is home to one of the finest rood screens in the country, with amazing 15th century pictures of the twelve Apostles in the centre. These have a supporting cast of characters from Arch Bishops to Arch Angels.



Also on display is the Sarum Antiphoner, written and illustrated by 15th Century monks on sheepskin. Still clear to read, if you did not fail your latin exams as I did.

A small road to the side of the church takes you to a Norfolk Wildlife Trust site. Walking along a wooden walkway over marsh lands, one reaches the Trust's information centre and shop. Time for an ice cream from the decking at the edge of Ranworth Broad whilst watching the wildlife. It was a very tranquil and restful site.

Returning back past the church and on to the unspoilt village where there is a choice of venues for refreshments, an attractive pub and a busy cafe at the Ranworth Broad Visitor Centre.



We had a boat trip booked on the Liana, an electric powered boat in the Edwardian style. Whilst boat trips and boats for hire in Wroxham were all booked, our boat trip was only shared with one family.

It was a lovely trip seeing the Broad from the water, some of the impressive waterside homes and learning



about the history of the Broads and the efforts to return the water to the crystal clear it was a century ago. Poor management of waste water, farm run off and boating have led to major changes in the ecology of the broads, something the Broads Authority are working to reverse.

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ASSINGTON 2023 HORTICULTURAL SHOW

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST



The Horticultural show booklet and schedules have been delivered. Additional copies will be available from The Farm shop.



If you received a trophy or shield last year, please return to me as soon as possible.

Any donations for the show raffle will be much appreciated. They can be left at The Farm Shop or 16 The Street.

All profits from the show will support our village charities. Please give generously.



Many thanks to the sponsors who have already supported the show this year.

Don't forget The Scarecrow competition.:



The Annual Assington Scarecrow Competition 2023
Hi All, The theme this year is "traditional", let us see who can be the most creative for this fun event, when you have made your scarecrow just display it outside of your house ready to be judged on Saturday 19th August. Put your entry fee of £3.00 into an envelope with your name and location on it and post it in the letterbox of 16 The Street by 17th August.

The winner will be announced at the Horticultural Show, a meal voucher for 2 and The Scarecrow Cup for the best entry!

Good Luck and Happy Creating

Have fun creating your traditional Scarecrow, don't forget their accessories. Let's give them fabulous personalities.



Looking forward to seeing you all there.
Karen x

CHURCH VILLAGE FETE



at the Village Hall and Playing Field

SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

2pm - 4pm



We are in the throes of preparing for our annual extravaganza of competitions, stalls and delicious treats

....and hoping that, as usual, you may be able to help us with **donations:**

Cakes etc..

Wonderful **Sally Bradshaw** has again taken charge of the all-important afternoon tea refreshments, see her advert below, seeking cakes and sweet treats.

*Assington Church Fete
Saturday 2nd September*

Anyone willing to make cakes for the refreshments stall would be very much appreciated. Please deliver to the village hall on the morning or if you would like to arrange for pick up, please phone before the day to 01787210433.

More Cakes

And for those who love to buy a home-make cake at all such events, **Elizabeth Alston** would also be grateful to receive your latest creations to sell on the cake stall.

Bric a Brac

This year **Karen Benson** has kindly accepted the



Bric a Brac Stall challenge!

Karen, of **Orchard Cottage (opposite the village shop)** is happy to receive donations for the bric a brac stall.

....and not forgetting the **Bottles Tombola**



Roger & Linda Britcher would gratefully receive bottles of all descriptions, shapes and sizes for the ever-popular tombola stall.

Thank you so much. We are truly grateful for all your donations!

NATURE WATCH

By BS

One day-time in late June I was walking around the garden when I noticed something large and dark, nestling (bottom outwards) deep between rose petals on a bloom-laden moss-type pale pink rose bush. I stopped to investigate, and saw that it was a large brilliantly-coloured iridescent green beetle. Putting my finger in gently to try to poke it out to have look at it, I managed to disturb it sufficiently so that it crawled out of "hiding".



After a short while, which gave me sufficient time to take a couple of photos, it flew away making a loud buzzing sound, rather like a drone. This was, I believe, the first Rose Chafer beetle which I have seen in our garden.



Subsequently, a week later, having noticed that the Regale Lilies were being chewed, I found (the same?) Beetle munching away at the lily bloom. Whilst I was watching, the lily fell apart:

The Rose Chafer is a large (around 22mm long), broad metallic coppery-green beetle with small creamy-white streaks on its wing cases; it is found in grassland, scrub and along woodland edges and is often seen on flowers in gardens. The adults feed on flowers, particularly dog roses, during the summer and autumn, and can be spotted in warm, sunny weather. Rose Chafers are "widespread, but scarce, in England and Wales".

The larvae feed on decaying leaves, plants and roots, living in the soil for several years as they develop. When they pupate, they hibernate in the soil or in rotting wood over winter, ready to emerge as fully-formed adult beetles the following spring in late May or early June. They begin feeding on plants immediately and continue voraciously for about a month:



There is very little the rose beetle does not eat. They eat flowers, most especially roses and peonies. Chafer bugs cause a great deal of damage by leaving large numbers of ragged holes in blossoms, fruit, and also eat the leaves of a wide variety of plants. The beetles skeletonize the top layer of leaves on plants by eating away all of the soft tissue and leaving nothing but the large, tough veins.

At this time, female Rose Chafers lay eggs in the soil and then die. In about three weeks, the beetle eggs hatch to begin the whole cycle again.





Broomrape

In another part of our garden (the wildlife part!) a clump of Broomrape suddenly appeared. Broomrape is a mysterious plant; with no sign of any green parts, no stems, leaves or fruits, they emerge each year from the soil, solitarily or in clusters. These members of the Orobanchaceae family are all root parasites, obtaining their essential nutrients by tapping into the subterranean parts of other plants. This means they do not require green parts so remain hidden from view until their flowers emerge. The flowers have all the petals fused into a tube and most species carry them on a single spike.

The distribution of each species is defined by the availability of the host species. Some are generalists and occur on a number of different species, but most are more particular and a knowledge of the host species and their distribution can help in finding these plants.

The identification of some Broomrapes are variable and can be tricky.

There are various types of Broomrape:
Ivy Broomrape; Knapweed Broomrape; Greater Broomrape; Yarrow Broomrape; Hemp Broomrape; and

Common Broomrape (*Orobanche minor*)

Native. Widespread and found on a wide range of host species, especially members of the pea and daisy families. Flowers June to July. A very variable species, perhaps in part due to the wide range of host species parasitised. An increasingly common host is the ornamental Shrubby Ragwort, upon which the broomrape flowers can get to some 60cm tall. Variably pinkish-purple and yellowish in colour. Flowers neatly curved from the base.

I think we have the common Broomrape!

Stag/Lesser Stag Beetle

Once again this year on a walk in Leavenheath my friend Susan and I spotted a huge black beetle, approx 4cm long shambling across a footpath.

My feeling is that it is a Lesser Stag Beetle, (male?) but am awaiting confirmation from the experts.....



THINGS TO DO



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**20th
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**HORTICULTURAL SHOW
& Scarecrow
Competition:**
Doors open for entries
8.30-10.30 am.
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Friday 4th August at 7pm

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We could not have asked for a better touring group

The epic story, penned by Miguel de Cervantes, is thought to have invented the modern novel and in doing so, created one of the most iconic characters of all time, with the word 'Quixotic' and the phrase 'Tilting at windmills' entering the English language as a direct result.

Quixote, a middle aged man who decides the world is so awful he will ride out like a mediaeval knight seeking adventures, has captured the imaginations of generations and has been reinvented numerous times. This year, the production team have utilised puppetry and clowning to portray the Don in this new family friendly version.

If you get a chance to go see it, do so



As he sallies forth in search of adventure, he will have an extra chance to do good as each ticket sold will contribute to the upkeep and wellbeing of the venue. Quill and Inkling share the profit of ticket sales with their venues, and this year are heading to many places in need of support, such as Dereham Windmill, and several properties looked after by the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT).

Left: Don Quixote (puppeteered by Joshua Gould) and Sancho Panza (A.J. Deane) discuss tactics in front of Dereham Windmill, the location of the final performance.
Below: Georgie Matthews as the fiercely independent shepherdess Marcela and Kiara Hawker, as the priest determined to bring Quixote to his senses.
Photography by Al Pifford

Summer Holiday Activities

A mixture of activities to provide entertainment and support to families in Babergh From football to swimming, cooking sessions to dance classes, there's **something for everyone to enjoy** this summer:

Free places on the summer activities programme are allocated to youngsters in receipt of free school meals, or eligible for other reasons, as identified by their local schools; **some sessions are available to local families for a small fee.**

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and

Tuesday 29 August - Friday 1 September

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A series of **Family Fun Days** will be also taking place across the districts during July offering everything from climbing walls to archery, face-painting to sports and are **free to attend for everyone.**

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Friday 28 July at East House Park, **Hadleigh**

Monday 31 July at Belle Vue Park, **Sudbury**, bring a picnic!

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Letter from the Rev Mary Cantacuzene, Bures with Assington and Little Cornard



Dear Friends

When people think about the church they sometimes think that people who attend each Sunday must be "good"; actually we are probably, not any better than anyone else (!) We are just more aware of our own failings and shortcomings, because we are trying to measure up to the standard set by Jesus Christ.

In a recent poll, different Christian churches and religious groups were asked to select (from a choice of 24) a list of six virtues that they would consider most important in their faith. They could choose from: charity, citizenship, civility, community, compassion, confidence, critical thinking, curiosity, devotion, gratitude, honesty, humility, integrity, justice, kindness, neighbourliness, perseverance, piety, reflection, resilience, service, teamwork, tolerance and wisdom.

More than a third of Christian churches chose this combination in order: charity, honesty, devotion, civility, citizenship, and community awareness.

When we first meet with Jesus we might be dismayed aware of our own lack of some (or all!) of the above, but that does not mean we can't be part of a group of people who are at least trying. When we become Christians we are invited to "come as you are", not pretending to be paragons of virtue.

Life sometimes feels like a series of battles and worries; most people's lives are difficult in some way or other. God speaks to us through the prophet Zephaniah:

"Your God is with you and is mighty to save you. He celebrates and sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love." (Zephaniah 3.17).

May God refresh **your** life with his love!

With love in Him, **Mary**

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AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2023 SERVICES IN ASSINGTON



AUGUST

6th AUGUST @ 10.30am Morning Worship

20th AUGUST @ 10.30am Holy Communion

SEPTEMBER

3rd SEPTEMBER @ 10.30am Morning Worship

17th SEPTEMBER @ 10.30am Holy Communion

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Around the county cyclists and walkers will be visiting our rich heritage of churches and raising money for their upkeep.

Assington Church will be open to welcome those taking part and I will be seeking sponsorship for my cycle route, which seems to be equally

challenging every year, even if it does get slightly shorter each time. The money I raise will be shared equally between the Trust and maintaining Assington Church. I also act as the local organiser for Assington, so please contact me if you wish to cycle or walk to raise money, or just wish to find out more.

JEFF STACEY

A VIEW FROM AROUND THE BEND

Sorry folks for going absent for the past couple of months, truth is I have been confined to bed most days and only allowed to get up when completely recovered.

The garden has suffered a bit but Bobbie has been doing wonders keeping the front lawn trimmed, which is something I only like doing in the dark, when no one is around to see me. She has also got lots of seeds in and growing well, nothing I recognise and all seem to be herbs of some sort, we have five rows of long dangly things with seeds on the top, when I asked her about those she said they were to help her get a bun in the oven, so I guess they must be cereals of some sort, anyhow I wish she would not serve them with my morning wheatybangs.

It was my birthday last week and I had five cards, how did anyone know that it was my birthday, I have always kept it a secret. Bobbie gave me a whopper and took me out to dinner that evening to somewhere really posh a long way away, the food was very intoxicating and I felt rather woosey after, so we had to stay the night in a very plush room which was provided by the hotel which was very kind of them as they didn't have to do that for us. I think the young man said it was the bride sweet, so I guess it was a converted stable but was terribly up market for a man with just simple tastes, breakfast was lovely but the toast had the same seeds on that I have been eating at home, they must be growing them in their garden as well.

My job has come to an end which is sad as I like to be well occupied and useful, maybe a chance to go back next year, although I do not seem to be so skint anymore. I Guess that the old adage that two can live as cheaply as one must be true, Bobbie hardly goes home any more which is strange as her drive must be complete now surely. However it will be nice to have her around as the winter draws in and the nights get chilly, might not even have to put the heating on this year, which will save money. She has asked me if I can make our drive a little longer, so that she can get both halves of her car off the road, so I will be busy with that, it is nice to do something useful for her as she has made such a difference to my life and I am actually getting quite attached to her, she is always smiling nowadays and unless I am much mistaken,

she is filling out a bit and putting on a little weight, which is so nice.

Looking forward to Charley coming to talk about the dig, I go up past the church nearly every day and take a look myself but not much going on really, I guess they will start just before he comes and he will tell us about it all, I am sure they will never find anything apart from horseshoes and old bullets, the ground is too soft there to have buried a whole ship.

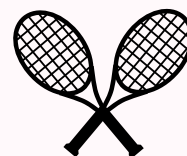
Also with Bobbies help, hoping to grow a marrow as big as last year to enter into the show and hope to win again this year, I will struggle to get there myself as Bobbie is working and I am not sure if I can carry it up there all by myself but maybe the old boy up the road will pop it in his van and take it with his stuff and leave it for me.

Not heard if they are doing the scarecrows this year, if they are I will not have to worry about getting mistaken for one as I am looking less scruffy these days, in fact quite a dapper gentleman in my blue waistcoat. How things have changed. I still watch the pennies though as I feel I am not out of the woods yet and although Bobbie has a management role in a big company, I do like to make my own way still.

So sad about those living on the streets and without food, I have been there and it is very degrading and not what I would wish upon anybody. Hopefully if the crops do well, I will not be in that position and will try to leave some veg on the gate for anyone who is.

Have to go now as my dinner has been served and the main course seems to be more of those herbs, which take a while to chew, oh well, they are not doing me any harm and I will get used to them. I will have to run this squit up to herself later as I do not want to miss the print run and get into trouble again.

More from around the bend next month, if we are spared.
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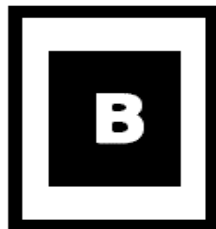
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Hello, Ollie here to give you a cat's eye view of SESA. I have been under house arrest, recovering from an injury in the Spring. Mother decided to keep me in a while longer until most of the birds around the house had raised their young. Now I'm out again and Ken says "about time too!" He's fed up with competing for the best chair in the kitchen!

Please watch out for nesting hedgehogs when working in the garden. Don't disturb them but if you see babies or older hogs in daylight do not leave them to get fly strike. If it seems the parent is not caring for the hoglets, bring them to us or your nearest hedgehog rescue. Mother already has several casualties which will be returned to their original site when healthy again.

Apart from many cats and dogs, we still have an abundance of rabbits looking for homes. Our rabbit expert, Karen, would be pleased to assist potential owners to choose the right rabbit for their family or help bond a new partner for their existing rabbit. Karen is usually available on Tuesdays and Saturdays but please phone ahead to confirm.

That's enough from me, I'm off to find the most comfortable cushion for a cat nap. That pesky chihuahua doesn't realise it's the right of every cat, including me Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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ASSINGTON RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES

Bill Milner (rainfall)

and Bob Cowlin (temperatures)

HISTORY annual rainfall :

2016	599.5	2017	571
2018	559	2019	597
2020	636	2021	582.3
2022	419		

2019	mm	max	min
JAN	23.5	9°C	-8°C
FEB	19.5	16°C	-5°C
MAR	44	19°C	-3°C
APR	18.5	24°C	-3°C
MAY	54	26°C	+1°C
JUNE	94.5	29°C	5°C

2020	mm	max	min
JAN	33.5	10 C	-5°C
FEB	56	11°C	-3°C
MAR	21	14°C	-5°C
APR	22	23°C	-1°C
MAY	5.5	27°C	-2.5°C
JUNE	50	28°C	+2°C
JULY	58	30°C	6°C
AUG	109	32°C	4°C
SEP	25.5	27°C	5°C
OCT	110	14°C	2°C
NOV	33	14°C	-4°C
DEC	102.5	10°C	-5°C

2021	mm	max	min
JAN	89	10°C	-5.5°C
FEB	34	14°C	-7°C
MAR	26	20°C	-3°C
APR	1	15°C	-5°C
MAY	78.1	25°C	-2.5°C
JUNE	55.2	30°C	+3°C
JULY	72	28°C	7°C
AUG	29	24°C	5°C
SEP	28.5	27°C	3°C
OCT	74.5	18°C	1°C
NOV	27	13°C	-3°C
DEC	68	12°C	-6°C

2022	mm	max	min
JAN	7	12°C	-6.5°C
FEB	46	13°C	-4°C
MAR	29	18°C	-2°C
APR	9.5	22°C	-6°C
MAY	37	25°C	0°C
JUNE	33.5	30°C	2°C
JULY	5	36.5°C	6°C
AUG	11.5	32°C	7°C
SEPT	25	25°C	1°C
OCT	63	18°C	0°C
NOV	107.5	14°C	-2°C
DEC	45	10°C	-9.5°C

2023	mm	max	min
JAN	41	10°C	-7.5°C
FEB	3	14°C	-7°C
MAR	78	15°C	-6.5°C
APRIL	65	18°C	-2°C
MAY	19	22°C	1°C
JUNE	15.5	30.5°C	6°C

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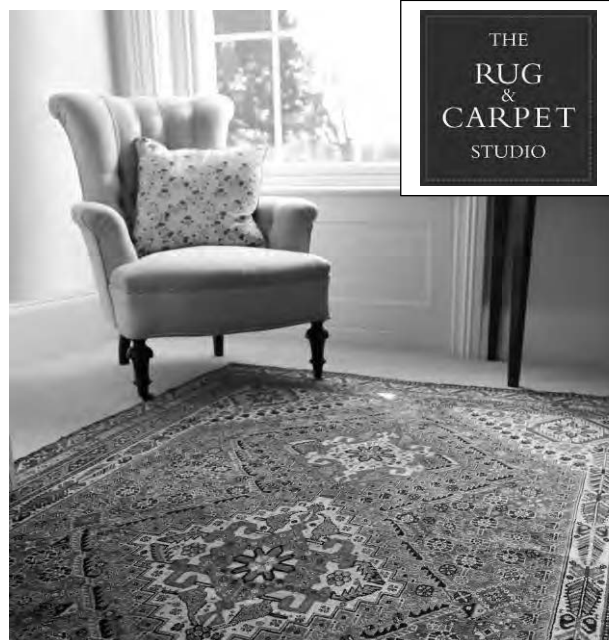
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VISIT FROM AMERICA

We recently had a visit from an American family living in California, who wished to visit Assington, its church and graveyard, to trace the area from which their ancestors originated.

We had a similar visit a couple of years ago, but from a totally different family, living in a totally different place in the USA, but whose ancestors were the same people who lived and died in Assington in the early 17th Century.

The story begins with Jacob French, who was born in Assington Suffolk, in approx 1553, (the year when King Edward VI died, and Queen Mary I was ultimately declared Queen). Jacob's father was called Thomas French, and he resided on a farm at Assington called Garlands, which was owned by John Gurdon, Lord of the Manor in Assington.

Jacob married Susan Warren, on 27 September 1578 in Bures St Mary, Suffolk. By this time Queen Elizabeth I was on the throne.

Susan Warren was born in 1555, in Assington, Suffolk. Her father, William Warren, was 51 and her mother, Katherine Anne Blount, was 45. She married Jacob French in September 1578 / 9, in Bures Saint Mary, Suffolk.

They were the parents of at least 5 sons and 3 daughters:

Records of these children are shown below:

- William French, christened. 25 Jul 1580 in Bures St. Mary, Suffolk: "William French was baptised xxvth July 1580." He may have been named after his grandfather on his mother's side, William Warren.
- Jacob French, baptised 12 Aug 1582 at Bures St. Mary, Suffolk. "Jacob French was baptised xij August 1582."
- **Thomas French**, baptised 11 Oct 1584 at Bures St. Mary, Suffolk. "Thomas French son of Jacob was baptised same day ..." He moved to Assington in about 1585 or 1586, and there married Susan Riddlesdale, 5 September 1608. Emigrated to New England
- Elizabeth French, baptised 27 Feb 1586/7 in Assington.
- Susan French, baptised. 1589-98, died 1 Aug 1613 Assington.
- John French, baptised 27 Mar 1596, Assington. John married (1) Sarah, about 1620; their daughter Sarah was buried at Assington 22 Jan 1620/21.
- Robert French, baptised 25 Jun 1600, Assington--both parents, Jacob and Susan, are mentioned in his baptismal record.

Jacob and Susan, and family moved back to Assington in 1585 / 86 - perhaps to take over the farm following in his father's footsteps?

Jacob died 11 November 1615 at about age 62, in Assington, and Susan died in 1614 aged 58 and she was also buried in Assington.

The previous visitors tracing their ancestry were particularly interested in William French, (son of the eldest son William above), who departed with his wife, Elizabeth, and their son (also William) in 1635 for the New Colony in Eastern America, owing to his association with Roger Harlackenden of Earls Colne, and following in the footsteps of John Winthrop of Groton.

John Winthrop ** emigrated in 1630 to take charge of the Massachusetts Company, and later founded the city of Boston and became the first Governor of the State of Massachusetts.

On this occasion in June 2023, our visitors were wishing to trace Thomas French, the second son of Jacob, his wife Susan, and their descendants.



Thomas French was born in either Bures or Assington in 1584 and married Susannah (Sara) Riddlesdale in Assington on 5th September 1608.

Susannah Riddlesdale was born in Boxford and was christened on 20 April 1584, in Boxford, Suffolk, England, her father, John Riddlesdale, was 26 and her mother, Dorcas, was 24.

Thomas and Susannah raised their family in Assington, and their children were as follows:

- Margaret
- **Thomas, Born 27 November 1608**, married Mary Scudamore in Boston Lincolnshire UK and died 8th August 1680 in **Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts**.
- Alice, born 9 April 1610 in Assington, married Thomas Howlett in **Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts** in 1634, and died on 26 June 1666 in **Topsfield, Essex, Massachusetts**.
- Edward, Born in Assington approx 1612, married Ann Goodale, in **Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts**, in approx 1627, and died 28 December 1674 in **Salisbury, Essex, Massachusetts**.
- John born in Assington approx 1612 (or 1622). He married Freedom Kingston (or Kingsbury, or Mary Kingsley) and died in 1692 (or 1696/7), possibly in **Deerfield, Massachusetts**.
- Sarah, born in 1612 in Assington, and died 1 November 1615 or in Assington.
- Dorcas, born 31 July 1614 in Assington, Married Griffin Craft, George Craft, and Christopher Peake.
- She died 30 December 1697 in **Roxbury, Suffolk, Massachusetts**.
- Susan, born 22 April 1616 in Assington.
- Ann, born 15 March 1616/17 in Assington
- Sarah, born in Assington in 1621, died Assington 1621
- Mary, born in Assington 6 January 1624/25, married George Smith 1645 in **Massachusetts**, no record of death.

From the details above we can see that a number of the French family members of two generations made the move from England to the New Colony.

Research suggests that the family did not all travel to the new Colony, at the same time. First Thomas junior (1608 - 1680) and his sister Alice emigrated in 1630, probably with the Winthrop fleet.

***The Winthrop Fleet was a group of 11 ships led by John Winthrop (1588 - 1649, who became Lord of the Manor in Groton, Suffolk, and later followed his father in becoming a lawyer in London, before taking a lead role in the Great Migration. A fleet of five ships had departed a month previously for New England that included approx 300 colonists led by Francis Higginson. However, the colony leaders and the bulk of the colonists remained in England for the time being to plan more thoroughly for the success of the new colony. In October 1629, the group elected John Winthrop to be Governor of the Fleet and the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Over the ensuing winter, the leaders recruited a large group of Puritan families, representing all manner of skilled labor to ensure a robust colony. Seven hundred men, women, and children were distributed among the ships of the fleet. Many were sick during the voyage. The flow of Puritans to New England continued for another ten years, during a period known as the Great Migration.*



Thomas and his sister Alice French first lived in Boston, and by 1635 settled in Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts Bay Colony. The sisters Dorcas and Susan came in 1633, as maids or servants in the John Winthrop family.

Thomas (senior) and his wife, Susannah French emigrated to Ipswich, in 1635, five years after their son, Thomas had emigrated, taking their four younger children with them.

Thomas French (senior) died about 5 November 1639 in **Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts** and Susannah his wife died in August 1658, in **Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts Bay Colony**, British Colonial America, at the age of 74.

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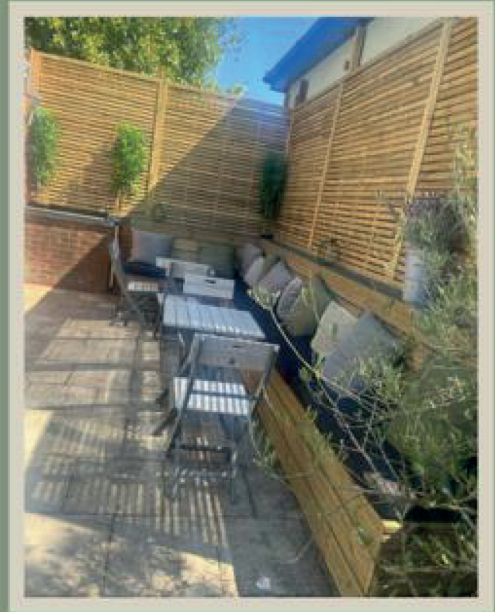
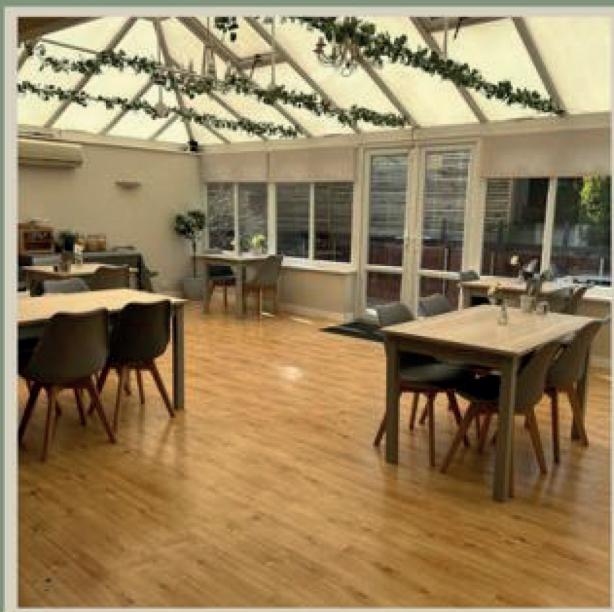


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